

I am very concerned with the concentration of major media of information in a very few corporate hands.

I urge you to hold up the proposed relaxing of rules for media corporations, which would allow them to control the entire dissemination of news in local areas by owning both newspapers and television stations. Let this issue and its concomitants be discussed publicly first.

Before enacting any changes please consider how you can further the cause of small independent media. I mean community radio and television, and community newspapers if there are such things. If there aren't, why aren't there? You could make it easier for them to get established and flourish. Look at how you can further such direct democracy in the information industry, rather than make it easier for a few wealthy people to control the information that is disseminated.

That is my strong counsel, for I find that independent, small-budget, non-profit or community media are my best, most reliable and unbiased source of news and information.

Sincerely,

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